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Encl: (1) Command Organization and 1975 Highlights  
(2) Summary of Operations

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded.

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COMPHIBRON TWO  
COMPHIBRON EIGHT

## COMMAND HISTORY AND 1975 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Commanding Officers: Captain James A. WINNEFELD - 1 January to 31 October 1975; Captain Alden B. ANDERSON - 31 October to 31 December 1975.

2. Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia

3. Command Associations: Administratively under the command of Commander Amphibious Squadron EIGHT, 1 January to 31 December 1975.

4. Summary of Operations:

a. Deployments

(1) TRENTON deployed to the Caribbean on 6 March 1975 as part of the Caribbean Amphibious Ready Group. TRENTON returned to Norfolk, Virginia on 28 April 1975.

b. Exercises

(1) LANTREADEX 2-75 - 10-18 MARCH. As part of TG 27.5 composed of U.S., British and Dutch naval units conducted an opposed transit, underway replenishment, opposed amphibious assault and supported Marine Forces ashore.

(2) ESCORT TIGER - 25 - 28 MARCH. As part of TG 22.1 conducted a waterborne amphibious assault and evacuation of non-combatants from a politically strife torn island. In addition, supported Marine forces ashore and conducted blockade operations.

(3) RUM PUNCH - 29 MAR - 8 APR. As part of TG 347.1 conducted an opposed transit and amphibious assault on Vieques Island and supported Marine forces ashore. TG 347.1 was composed of U.S., British and Dutch naval units.

(4) AGATE PUNCH - 14 - 20 APR. As part of TG conducted an opposed transit, underway replenishment and an opposed amphibious assault at Onslow Beach, North Carolina and supported Marine forces ashore.

(5) SOLID SHIELD - 24 MAY - 3 JUN. Conducted an opposed transit and amphibious assault on Onslow Beach, North Carolina. Exercise units consisted of U.S. Navy, U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force units.

(6) LANTMINEX 6-75 - 16- 20 JUN. At anchor conducted helicopter minesweeping operations with HM-12.

5. Special Topics.

a. TRENTON entered Coastal Drydock and Repair Company

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Brooklyn, New York (located at ex-New York Naval Shipyard) for a scheduled seven month regular overhaul period on 15 August 1975.

b. Public Relations

(1) Male relatives of the crew were embarked on 14 AUG for an overnight transit to Brooklyn, New York from Norfolk, Va.

c. Statistics

(1) Salaries expense: \$1,352,580.00

(2) Operating expenditures (less fuel): \$270,517

(3) Ship's fuel burned: 1,627,379 gallons ND

(4) Helicopter landings: 1975 - 758. Since commissioning 4305.

### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

1 JAN - 6 MAR: Inport Norfolk, Virginia

6 - 10 JAN: CSYSEX 3-75

18 JAN: Ship's party at Little Creek, Virginia  
"Wheelhouse"

2 FEB: Embark ACDUTRA reserves (2/11/29)

3 FEB: Ravier Van 3-7 FEB, load MCI pallets (38)

11 FEB: Underway for ammunition anchorage, ammunition  
offload - boat drills (return PM)

19 - 20 FEB: Stores onload for Caribbean deployment

25 FEB: NJROTC visit, COMPHIBRON EIGHT embarks

27 FEB: Fuel ship for deployment

28 FEB: FAST cruise (engineers), LCM 8 pickup  
(deployment preparations)

3 MAR: CARG 1-75 Pre-sail conference Naval Amphibious  
School, Little Creek, Va.

4 MAR: Fresh provisions onload

6 MAR: Underway for Morehead City on CARG 1-75

7 MAR: Arrive Morehead City, onload Marines (BLT 1/6)  
and gear and continue underway for Onslow Beach,  
North Carolina

8 - 10 MAR: Underway exercises, rehearsal launch of boats  
Onslow Beach, North Carolina

10 - 20 MAR: LANTREADEX 2-75. TRENTON receives Communications  
Security (SIGSEC) top runner award as best ship  
in exercise.

12 MAR: Underway refueling with USS SAVANNAH (AOR-4)

13 MAR: VERTREP with USS CONCORD (AFS-5)

18 MAR: Landing at Vieques Island - amphibious assault.

20 MAR: Backload Marines, underway for San Juan, Puerto  
Rico.

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21 - 24 MAR: San Juan port visit  
 25 - 28 MAR: Exercise ESCORT TIGER  
 28 - 29 MAR: At Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for port visit  
 and exercise critique  
 29 MAR - 8 APR: Exercise RUM PUNCH - Vieques Island  
 9 APR: Inport Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.  
 10 - 13 APR: Enroute to Onslow Beach, North Carolina for  
 Exercise AGATE PUNCH  
 14 - 20 APR: Exercise AGATE PUNCH at Onslow Beach, North  
 Carolina  
 27 APR: Offload Marines at Morehead City, underway for  
 Norfolk, Virginia (PM)  
 28 APR: Arrive Norfolk, Virginia (AM)  
 7 MAY: Naval War College Class Six visits TRENTON  
 9 MAY: Command inspection by COMPHIBRON EIGHT, stores  
 onload.  
 12 - 16 MAY: CSYSTEMEX 5-75  
 19 MAY: Embark Midshipmen for TRA - 9 Midshipmen 1/c  
 11 Midshipmen 3/c.  
 24 MAY: Underway for Exercise SOLID SHIELD  
 24 MAY - 3 JUN: Exercise SOLID SHIELD - Joint Armed Forces  
 exercise Onslow Beach, North Carolina  
 3 JUN: Return to Norfolk, Virginia  
 16 - 20 JUN: Underway for LANTMINEX 6-75, at anchor  
 Lynnhaven Roads  
 2 - 3 JUL: Underway LANTNARMID.  
 8 - 10 JUL: Pre-ROH ammunition offload  
 30 JUL: Pre-ROH JP-5 offload  
 8 AUG: Pre-ROH SOAP offload  
 11 AUG: Underway for Craney Island, commence fuel  
 offload

12 AUG: Complete fuel offload, return NOB Norfolk.

14 AUG: Underway for Brooklyn, New York; male dependent cruise

15 AUG: Arrived East River, Brooklyn, New York; moored ship, bow out, starboard side to Coastal Dry Dock Pier C, commenced ROH.

16 AUG: Naval Reserve Unit MSCO 202 visits TRENTON

24 AUG: Refueled USS MYLES C. FOX (DD 829)

4 SEP: Entered Dry Dock NR4 in the ex-Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York

13 - 14 SEP: SAMAR drill unit assist visit

15 SEP: Officers and crew move off ship

11 - 12 OCT: SAMAR drill unit assist visit

31 OCT: Change of Command Ceremony. CAPT ALDEN B. ANDERSON relieves CAPT JAMES A. WINNEFELD. Ceremony held in the ex-Brooklyn Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, New York

19 DEC: LOE (Administration, training, and level of knowledge) passed successfully.



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COMPHIBRON SIX

## COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND 1976 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Commanding Officer: Captain Alden B. Anderson  
1 January to 31 December 1976.
2. Home Port: Norfolk, Virginia.
3. Command Associations: Administratively under the command of Commander Amphibious Squadron EIGHT 1 January - 30 September 1976; Commander Amphibious Squadron SIX 1 October - 31 December 1976.

4. Summary of Operations:

- a. Deployments:

- (1) TRENTON deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Refresher Training following completion of Regular Overhaul via Davisville, RI and Andros Island on 6 July 1976. TRENTON returned to Little Creek, Virginia on 17 August 1976.

- (2) TRENTON deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as part of MARG 3-76 on 15 November 1976.

5. Special Topics:

- a. TRENTON completed a scheduled regular overhaul on 12 May 1976 which had commenced on 15 August 1975 at Coastal Drydock and Repair Company, Brooklyn, New York (located at ex-New York Naval Shipyard).

- b. Public Relations: Dependents of the crew were embarked on 11 November 1976 for a cruise out to the Virginia Capes and back to Norfolk, Virginia.

- c. Statistics:

- (1) Salaries expense: \$2,597,961.71.

- (2) Operating expenditures (less fuel): \$435,424.00.

- (3) Ship's fuel burned: 2,005,981 gallons DFM.

- (4) Helicopter landings: 1976 - 593.  
Since commissioning: 4,825.

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### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

1 JAN - 4 FEB: Drydock Number 4 Coastal Drydock and Repair Company (ex-Brooklyn Naval Shipyard), Brooklyn, New York.

4 FEB: Departed Drydock Number 4. Moored port side to west side of Pier Charlie, Coastal Drydock and Repair Company, Brooklyn, New York.

6 FEB: Refuel ship, received 59,004 gallons DFM.

12 FEB: Two men overcome by gas vapors in the MO-GAS pump room. Both men restored, no casualties.

20 FEB: Lighted fires in Number 2 Boiler for first time since September 1975.

23 FEB: Lighted fires in Number 1 Boiler for first time since September 1975.

16 MAR: COMPHIBRON SIX, Captain W. M. Guthrie, visited ship to inspect messing and engineering spaces.

17 MAR: Conduct dock trials.

19 MAR: Refuel ship, received 500,334 gallons DFM.

22 MAR - 23 MAR: Conduct FAST Cruise.

25 MAR - 27 MAR: Underway Sea Trials, Narragansett Bay OP-areas. Moored starboard side to Pier Charlie, Coastal Drydock and Repair Company, Brooklyn, New York.

26 APR - 30 APR: Mobile Training Team, Mayport, Florida on board for PEB preparations.

11 MAY: Moved to Pier 12, Brooklyn, New York.

12 MAY: Complete Regular Overhaul. COMPHIBRON TWO, Captain J. A. Winnefeld, embarked for Engineering Inspection.

13 MAY: Underway. Enroute Norfolk, Virginia.

14 MAY: Arrive Norfolk, Virginia.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

17 MAY: Light Off Exam - PEB - Satisfactory.

18 MAY - 20 MAY: Stores onload.

22 MAY - 23 MAY: Conduct Open House.

24 MAY - 27 MAY: SOAP onload.

1 JUN: Air Certification Inspection - Satisfactory.

2 JUN: Underway enroute Little Creek, Virginia.

9 JUN - 10 JUN: 3M Assist Visit.

14 JUN: Underway enroute Craney Island to onload fuel.

15 JUN - 18 JUN: Move to anchorage for ammo onload.

21 JUN - 25 JUN: Independent steaming, Virginia Capes OP-areas in preparation for refresher training.

22 JUN: Conducted burial at sea, Virginia Capes, OP-area.

26 JUN - 5 JUL: In port Norfolk, Virginia.

1 JUL: Australian Ambassador and party visit TRENTON.

6 JUL: Underway enroute Davisville, RI.

7 JUL - 9 JUL: In port Davisville, RI.

9 JUL - 12 JUL: Underway enroute Andros Island.

13 JUL: Anchor Andros Island.

14 JUL: Underway enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

17 JUL - 13 AUG: Conduct Refresher Training Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

7 AUG - 8 AUG: Port visit Port Au Prince, Haiti.

13 AUG - 17 AUG: Enroute Little Creek, Virginia.

### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

17 AUG - 22 AUG: In port Little Creek.

23 AUG - 3 SEP: Conduct Amphibious Refresher Training.

4 SEP - 14 SEP: In port Norfolk.

7 SEP - 10 SEP: RAVIR VAN.

14 SEP: Members of NATO Council visit and tour ship.

15 SEP - 17 SEP: Mobile Training Team, Mayport, Florida visit.  
Underway Virginia Capes for PEB preparations.

18 SEP - 19 SEP: Naval Reserves on board for training.

20 SEP - 21 SEP: NWA1 Visit.

27 SEP - 8 OCT: Underway Virginia Capes OP-area.  
Predeployment type training.

27 SEP: PEB OPPE Inspection. Satisfactory.

30 SEP: NWA1. Satisfactory.

6 OCT: Type Training Landing - Onslow Beach, NC.

8 OCT - 15 NOV: In port Norfolk POM/TAV.

30 OCT - 31 OCT: Operation Home Port - Open House.

11 NOV: Dependents cruise to Virginia Capes.  
Returned to Norfolk, Virginia.

15 NOV: Underway with MARG 3-76, enroute Morehead City, NC.

16 NOV: In port Morehead City, load for MARG 3-76.  
AV-8A initial qualification.

17 NOV: Underway, enroute Rota, Spain.

24 NOV: Arrive Terceira, Azores to MEDEVAC patient  
with heart condition.

27 NOV: Arrive Rota, Spain.  
Chop to CINCUSNAVEUR.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

29 NOV: Enroute Carboneras, Spain.

30 NOV - 7 DEC: Arrive Carboneras, Spain; PHIBLEX 6-7T.

8 DEC - 9 DEC: Underway operations West Mediterrean,  
enroute Naples, Italy.

10 DEC - 14 DEC: In port Naples, Italy.

15 DEC - 16 DEC: Underway operations West Mediterrean  
enroute Porto Scudo, Sardinia.

17 DEC - 22 DEC: Porto Scudo, PHIBLEX 6A-7T.

21 DEC: Refuel USNS RIGEL

23 DEC: Enroute Naples, Italy.

24 DEC - 31 DEC: In port Naples, Italy.